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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KAJALAINEN'S STATEMENT
TO THE PRESS ON CHANGE OF US ADMINIS-
TRATION

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN TODAY ISSUED
A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS CONCERNING THE CHANGE
OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE US. THE STATEMENT
DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT OF HIS TV INTERVIEW,
REPORTED BY REFTEL#. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
THIS IS A STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER
PERSONALLY, AND IS NOT AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR THE GOF.

2. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT: QUOTE:
FOLLOWING EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE READ ABOUT
WATERGATE DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS PRESIDENT
NIXON'S DECISION TO RESIGN DOES NOT COME AS A
SURPRISE, ALTHOUGH A DECISION OF THIS KIND IS
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RATHER UNUSUAL. IT IS NOT FOR ME TO CRITICIZE

PRESIDENT NIXON'S DOMESTIC POLICY. IN TERMS OF FOREIGN POLICY HE PROMOTED MANY PEACE EFFORTS, FOR INSTANCE, BY ENDING THE VIETNAM WAR AND RELIEVEING INTERNATIONAL TENSION BY IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPER POWERS. IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT THE UNITED STATES DURING NIXON'S TERM OF OFFICE DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CSCE. I HOPE THAT THE SITUATION THAT HAS ARISEN WILL NOT DISRUPT THE FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OR CAUSE CHANGES IN THIS. FINLAND IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE WHICH IS MOVING TOWARDS THE THIRD PHASE, AND WE HOPE THAT THE CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT THESE DEVELOPEMENTS. END QUOTE.
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